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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA ON
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

REFS: A. STATE 169286, B. PLACKE/STEWART/WOODS TELECONS

1. EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS FOR ITEMS ON WHICH TARIFF CONCES-
SIONS MAY BE WITHDRAWN, IF SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON
X-OUTS AND COMPENSATION CANNOT BE REACHED, ARE GIVEN
BELOW. LIST FOCUSES ON ITEMS WHICH FOR VARIOUS REASONS
ARE LIKELY TO BE SENSITIVE BUT COVERS ONLY ABOUT DOLS 60
MILLION IN TRADE. REQUIREMENT THAT CONCESSION HAD BEEN
INITIALLY NEGOTIATED WITH CANADA IS MAJOR CONSTRAINT,
ESPECIALLY FOR HORTICULTURAL ITEMS.

2. ANOTHER IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION REFLECTED IN LIST IS
AVOIDANCE OF DISRUPTION OF TRADE IN LIVE CATTLE, BEEF AND
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VEAL. CATTLE/BEEF TRADE IS A PERENNIAL SORE POINT ON BOTH
SIDES OF BORDER. TO IRRITATE THIS PROBLEM AT A TIME WHEN
MARKET FORCES ARE AGAIN ASSERTING THEMSELVES AND WHEN
U.S. CONSUMERS ARE FACING SHARPLY RISING PRICES IS
UNDESIRABLE, EVEN THOUGH THIS TRADE CONSTITUTES NEARLY
ONE QUARTER OF CANADA'S AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO U.S.
MOREOVER, TO INCREASE DUTIES AT TIME WHEN ALBERTA HAS

STRESSED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LIBERALIZATION OF BEEF TRADE
AND INCREASED EXPORTS OF NATURAL GAS WOULD SERIOUSLY
THREATEN OBTAINING THAT PROVINCE'S APPROVAL FOR EXPORTS.

3. WE HAVE INCLUDED LIVE HOGS AND FRESH PORK WITH SOME
RESERVATION, SINCE ALBERTA ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT ONE QUARTER
OF CANADIAN EXPORTS. WE HAVE DONE SO BECAUSE IT IS
POTENTIALLY MAJOR ITEM AND WILL BE POLITICALLY SENSITIVE.
WE ANTICIPATE THAT ALBERTA REACTION WOULD BE DIRECTED AGAINST
GOC RATHER THAN U.S., ON GROUNDS GOC ACTION FAVORS
INTERESTS OF EASTERN FRUIT AND VEGETABLE GROWERS OVER
THOSE OF WESTERN MEAT PRODUCERS.

4. LIST FOLLOWS:

PRODUCT	TSUS	MIL CDOLS	NOTES
DEW WORMS	100.95	8.0	GREAT LAKES REGION

FRESH PORK	107.10	7.5)	EXPORTS INCREASING
SWINE	100.85	6.0)	AFTER SERIOUS DECLINE

TURKEY POULTS & BABY CHICKS	100.07	3.0	LEADING PRODUCER IS - IN S. ONTARIO BUT - OWNED BY CARGILL
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HONEY	155.70	6.5
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CARROTS, FRESH	135.40	4.0	SPECIALLY GROWN IN - QUE.
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WHEAT	130.70)	
WHEAT FLOUR	131.72)	5.0
CORN	130.35	3.0
CONCESSION SOUGHT IN - MTN		

WILD RICE	182.70	3.0	NATIVE HARVEST IN - N. ONTARIO
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BLUEBERRIES, FRESH	146.50	3.0	MAIN BERRY EXPORT FROM QUE., B.C. AND
BLUBERRIES, FROZEN	146.68	7.6	MARITIMES

RASPBERRIES & NES ENDERS	146.54/.62	3.4	B.C. & GREAT LAKES
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